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Items for consideration by the Fifth Committee during the first resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Proposed programme of work

Note by the Secretariat

The following items will be considered by the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly:

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Week of 8–12 March

Monday, 8 March

10 a.m. Organization of work (A/C.5/53/L.37 and A/C.5/53/L.38)

Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Procurement reform and outsourcing

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system" (A/52/338 and Corr.1) and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report (A/52/338/Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on outsourcing practices of the United Nations, taking into account the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/338, annex) and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/813, annex) (A/53/818)

Report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform (A/C.5/52/46)

Report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform (A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the procurement of Lysol by the Office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (A/52/887)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inquiry into allegations of insufficient use of expertise in procurement planning of aviation services in peacekeeping missions (A/52/1010)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of procurement-related arbitration cases (A/53/...)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on procurement reform (A/53/692)

Introduction and general discussion

Followed by informal consultations on:

Item 113 **Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999**

Development Account

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 119 **Human resources management**

Tuesday, 9 March

10 a.m. Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Procurement reform and outsourcing

Conclusion of general discussion

Informal consultations

Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Procurement reform and outsourcing

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 113 **Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999**

Development Account

Wednesday, 10 March

10 a.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 119 **Human resources management**

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Procurement reform and outsourcing

Thursday, 11 March

10 a.m. Item 114 **Programme planning**

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (A/53/122 and Add.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (A/C.5/53/CRP.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Item 113 **Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999**

Addendum to the tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project, taking into account the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the increase in costs of the Integrated Management Information System development contract (A/53/829, annex) (A/53/573/Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add...)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the increase in costs of the Integrated Management Information System development contract (A/53/829)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a forward-looking study of the Integrated Management Information System conducted by independent experts (A/53/662 and Corr.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Followed by informal consultations on:

Item 113 **Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999**

Integrated Management Information System

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 145 **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B**

Friday, 12 March

10 a.m. Item 114 **Programme planning**

Programme performance for 1996–1997

Conclusion of general discussion

Followed by informal consultations on:

Item 145 **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B**

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 119 **Human resources management**

Week of 15–19 March

Monday, 15 March

10 a.m. Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Item 119 **Human resources management**

Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, covering the period 1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998 and updating previous quarterly reports and the previous annual report (A/53/715)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the phase-out of type II gratis personnel (A/53/...)

Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, covering the quarter ending 31 December 1998 (A/C.5/53/54)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/...)

Introduction and general discussion

Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/53/811)

Introduction and general discussion

Item 117 **Pattern of conferences**

Report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/53/826)

Note by the Secretariat on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/53/827)

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services (A/53/833)

Introduction and general discussion

Item 141 **Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti**

Report of the Secretary-General containing the revised budget for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 and the revised budget for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/52/869)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the revised cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/53/789)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/...)

Introduction and conclusion of general discussion

Followed by informal consultations on:

Item 111 **Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors**

3 p.m. Informal consultations on:

Item 119 **Human resources management**

Tuesday, 16 March

10 a.m. Item 115 **Improving the financial situation of the United Nations**

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Item 112 **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Item 119 **Human resources management**

Gratis personnel

Conclusion of general discussion

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		Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
		Conclusion of general discussion
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		Conclusion of general discussion
		Followed by informal consultations on:
	Item 141	**Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 165	**Joint Inspection Unit**

Wednesday, 17 March

10 a.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 145	**Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 119	**Human resources management**

Thursday, 18 March

10 a.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 113	**Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999**
		Development Account
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 112	**Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**
		Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
	Item 144	**Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services**

Friday, 19 March

10 a.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 119	**Human resources management**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 117	**Pattern of conferences**

Week of 22–26 March

Monday, 22 March

10 a.m.	Item 118	**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**
		Report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session held from 8 to 12 February 1999 (A/53/11/Add.1)
		Introduction and general discussion
		Followed by informal consultations on:
	Item 112	**Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**
		Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
	Item 144	**Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 111	**Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors**
	Item 117	**Pattern of conferences**

Tuesday, 23 March

10 a.m.	Item 118	**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**
		Report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session held from 8 to 12 February 1999
		Conclusion of general discussion
		Followed by informal consultations on:
	Item 118	**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 112	**Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**
		Procurement reform and outsourcing

Wednesday, 24 March

10 a.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 145	**Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 119	**Human resources management**

Thursday, 25 March

10 a.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 118	**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on:
	Item 119	**Human resources management**

Friday, 26 March

10 a.m.	Informal consultations on all outstanding issues
3 p.m.	Action on all draft proposals
	Completion of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly